

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air partisan propaganda days before the election clearly illustrates the dangers of media consolidation.

Because it uses the public airwaves free of charge, this corporation is obligated by law to serve the public interest. A corporate decision about what is "news" or "newsworthy" violates all principles of local control and true public interest.

Sinclair's illegal actions have been encouraged by FCC policies. We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process MUST be more than a returned postcard. Thank you.